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SUBJECT: PRC DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN MOSCOW

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1. FORMER PRC AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW LIU HSIN-CHUAN DEPARTED FOR HOME ON MARCH 2, 1976 (REF C). WE HEARD FROM PRC EMBOFFS HERE THAT HE HAD SOME MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND WAS UNDERGOING TREATMENT IN PEKING BEFORE GOING ABROAD AGAIN. WE HAD NOT HEARD PREVIOUSLY THAT LIU HAD ALREADY ARRIVED IN TIRANA (REF A)

2. THE CHINESE ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED AGREEMENT TO ASSIGN LI YAO-WEN AS THE NEW AMBASSADOR, BUT ACCORDING TO PRC EMBOFFS HE TOO WAS HAVING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN PEKING. HE HAS NOT YET ARRIVED IN MOSCOW, AND THE PRC MISSION CONTINUES TO BE HEADED BY WANG CHIN-CH'ING AS CHARGE D' AFFAIRES.

3. AS FOR CHINESE DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE "STUDIED IN THE SOVIET UNION," WE BELIEVE THAT SEVERAL OF THE PRESENT GROUP RESIDENT HERE STUDIES IN THE USSR IN THE 1950S. ONE RECENT ARRIVAL, FIRST SECRETARY LI FENG-LIN (WHO NOW HEADS THE POLITICAL/EXTERNAL SECTION) TOLD ACTING POL COUNSELOR ON NOVEMBER 15 THAT HE HAD STUDIED HERE IN 1955.

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